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SUBJ: ARTICLE 24:6 RENEGOTIATIONS

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1. US AND EC 24:6 RENEGOTIATIONS ARE SCHEDULED TO
RESUME IN GENEVA JAN 28-30. LUYTEN HAS PROPOSED AND
WE HAVE ACCEPTED FOLLOWING PLAN FOR MEETINGS: JAN 28
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AT 3 PM US AND EC DELEGATIONS WILL MEET TO TRY TO

CLEAR UP AS MANY TECHNICAL PROBLEMS AS TIME PERMITS (SEE PARA 2 AND 3 BELOW); EC WILL INFORM MEMBER STATES THIS MEETING BEING HELD AND SOME MAY CHOOSE TO ATTEND (PAST EXPERIENCE INDICATES ONLY TWO OR THREE MEMBER STATES WILL SEND OBSERVERS TO THIS MEETING). HUISMANS WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THIS MEETING FOR EC. (LUYTEN WILL BE IN GATT COUNCIL SCHEDULED AT SAME TIME). MORNING AND AFTERNOON JAN 29 WILL BE RESERVED FOR PLENARY MEETINGS OF US-EC DELS WITH MEMBER STATES PRESENT. PURPOSE IS TO TAKE STOCK OF WHERE BOTH SIDES STAND, TAKE NOTE OF STATUS OF TECHNICAL WORK AND DECIDE WHETHER AND IF SO WHEN TO PROCEED (EG NEXT DAY OR LATER), AND AFFORD OPPORTUNITY FOR BOTH PARTIES MAKE ANY GENERAL STATEMENTS OR PRESENTATIONS THEY WISH. JAN 30 BEING HELD OPEN BY EC FOR FURTHER MEETINGS WITH US EITHER AT TECHNICAL OR PLENARY LEVEL.

2. EC CONSIDERS FOLLOWING POINTS ARE ESSENTIALLY TECHNICAL IN NATURE (SUBJECT OF COURSE TO MORE FORMAL APPROVAL AT END OF NEGOTIATIONS IF SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED) AND PROGRESS LIKELY BE FASTER IN SMALL MEETING AT EXPERT LEVEL RATHER THAN PLENARY (WHERE ABOUT 50 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN PRESENT IN PAST).

(A) ESTABLISH LIST OF US INR'S IN SCHEDULE OF EC-9. THIS INVOLVES (1) QUESTION WHETHER US ACCEPTS 41 PAGE LISTING GIVEN US BE EC DEC 19, 1973 (GENEVA 6679 AND CULBERT-PROPOS TRANSMITTAL DEC 20); (2) CAN US-EC REACH A MUTUALLY-ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO DISPUTE US REQUEST FOR INR ON UNMANUFACTURED TOBACCO; (3) DOES US WISH TO REQUEST INR ON ANY ITEM ON EC DEC 13 "IMPROVED OFFER," AND (4) DOES US WISH TO ASK FOR (COMMENT: AND OF COURSE GIVE NEGOTIATING CREDIT FOR) INR ON ANY OTHER ITEM IN EC-9 SCHEDULE?

(B) CAN EXPERTS AGREE ON A FORMULA TO COVER US INTEREST IN "HIDDEN" INR'S, I.E. HISTORIC BINDINGS US HELD IN SCHEDULES OF THREE ACCEDING COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN SUPERCEDED BY EC BINDING AT LOWER RATES; EC HAS NOT YET COMPLETED CLEARANCE AMONG MEMBER STATES FOR FORMULA IT HAS IN MIND BUT EXPECTS BE ABLE TO PRESENT ONE JAN 28. (EC AWARE US MAY BE UNABLE ACCEPT EC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TEXT ON SPOT)

3. CULBERT TOLD LUYTEN HE WOULD ASK WASHINGTON WHETHER US EXPECTED TO SAY ANYTHING DURING JAN 28-30 MEETINGS ABOUT EC INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO TARIFF QUOTAS SO THAT EC SIDE WOULD BE PREPARED (SEE GENEVA 6583 AND 6603).BASSIN

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